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- D. CONCERNING THE JOINT INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1234, THE TEAM WILL STAY IN QUARTERS IN DONG HOI AND COMMUTE DAILY VIA THE HELICOPTER. THE ACTUAL WORK AT THE SITE WILL START ON 25 APR (23-24 APR WILL BE USED FOR "PREPARATIONS."). THE VIETNAMESE WILL HAVE A DOCTOR AND COMMUNICATIONS GEAR AT THE SITE. THE PAVN ENGINEERS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS PARTICIPATING IN THE EXCAVATIONS WILL STAY AT THE SITE CONTINUOUSLY FOR THE SIX DAYS THE VIETNAMESE ESTIMATE WILL BE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE EXCAVATION.

- E. ONCE THE EXCAVATION IS COMPLETE, THE HELICOPTER WILL SUPPORT MR. COYLE'S TEAM AS NEEDED FOR CASES 0641 AND 0826.

- F. THE HELICOPTER WILL THEN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MR. BELL'S TEAM AS THEY INVESTIGATE CASE 1748.

- G. TOTAL USE OF THE HELICOPTER IS ESTIMATED BY MR. HOANG AS TEN DAYS.

- H. MR. HO XUAN DICH, MR. NGUYEN HUNG MANH, AND MR. TAU WILL ACCOMPANY MR. BELL'S TEAM; MR. NGO HOANG AND MR. NGO HUY CHUONG WILL ACCOMPANY MR. COYLE'S TEAM; AND MR. LE VAN HOANG AND MR. PHAM CONG KHOI WILL ACCOMPANY CAPT BETHEL'S EXCAVATION TEAM.

- I. MR. BELL'S TEAM WILL INVESTIGATE CASES 0453, 1572, 1748, 1820, AND 1981.

- J. MR. COYLE'S TEAM WILL INVESTIGATE CASES 0641, 0826, 0859, AND 1843.

- K. CAPT BETHEL'S TEAM WILL EXCAVATE CASES 0903, 1234, 1248, AND 1327. THEY WILL START WITH 1234 AND DO ADDITIONAL CASES AS TIME ALLOWS. MR. HOANG SAID THERE IS SOME QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1248 HAD ALREADY BEEN REPATRIATED. HE SAID THE VIETNAMESE SIDE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING THE NEED TO EXCAVATE THAT CASE.

- 3. AFTER THE TEAMS DEPARTED THE AIRPORT, THE C-130 TOOK OFF, LANDING AT DON MUANG RTAFB, BANGKOK, AT 1440.

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SUBJ: SUMMARY REPORT OF JOINT US/SRV INVESTIGATION  
AND RECOVERY ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN VIETNAM DURING  
ITERATION 10 FROM 20 APRIL TO 10 MAY 1990

1. THE US CONTINGENT ARRIVED IN HANOI BY USAF C-130 ON 20 APRIL 1990. THE TWO INVESTIGATION TEAMS AND ONE RECOVERY TEAM, ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR COUNTERPARTS FROM THE VNOSMP, DEPARTED HANOI BY US PROVIDED JEEP VEHICLES ON 21 APRIL 1990. THE TEAMS OVERNIGHTED IN VINH CITY, NGHE TINH PROVINCE, AND PROCEEDED TO THEIR OPERATIONAL AREAS ON 22 APRIL. THE TEAMS COMPLETED THEIR SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES AND RETURNED TO BANGKOK ON 10 MAY 1990.

2. DURING THE PERIOD 20 APRIL THROUGH 10 MAY 1990 THE JOINT US/SRV SEARCH AND RECOVERY TEAM CONDUCTED OPERATIONS AT FOUR SEPARATE SITES IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, SRV. THESE OPERATIONS INCLUDED ONE AIR CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1234 AND THREE ISOLATED BURIAL SITES ASSOCIATED WITH 0903, 1327,

AND 1843 RESPECTIVELY. NO REMAINS WERE RECOVERED AT ANY OF THE SITES. US SEARCH AND RECOVERY TEAM MEMBERS WERE CPT DARNELL BETHEL, TEAM LEADER; DR. MADELEINE HINKES, ANTHROPOLOGIST, MSGT KEITH FLANAGAN, ANALYST INTERPRETER; SFC JOHN ROBINSON, ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER; SFC DON MEARS, EOD; MSGT EDWARD SEALS, MEDICAL TECHNICIAN; SSG ROY TORIX, SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST; SSG DAMON MANNING, SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST. VIETNAMESE TEAM MEMBERS WERE PHAN CONG KHOC, VNOSMP; LE VAN HOANG, VNOSMP; CPT VO ANH THE, CORPS OF ENGINEERS; NGUYEN VAN PHUC, MEDICAL TECHNICIAN. LOCAL OFFICIALS AND WORKERS WERE ALSO INVOLVED AT EACH PARTICULAR SITE.

- A. CASE 1234 - AIR CRASH SITE VICINITY QUANG HOP VILLAGE, QUANG TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. EXCAVATED SITE IDENTIFIED IN DECEMBER 1988 INVESTIGATIONS FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS, HOWEVER, AIRCRAFT DEBRIS WAS RECOVERED WHICH MAY AFTER ANALYSIS PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS CASE.

- B. CASE 0903 - ISOLATED BURIAL SITE, VAN LA HAMLET, TUONG MINH VILLAGE, DONG HOI TOWNSHIP. EXCAVATED SITE IDENTIFIED BY THE WITNESS. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WAS FOUND.

- C. ISOLATED BURIAL SITE, DONG HOI TOWNSHIP - ALTHOUGH THE TEAM INTENDED TO CONDUCT RECOVERY OF THE SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1327, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY A NEW WITNESS LED THE TEAM TO BELIEVE THAT THE SITE EXCAVATED WAS NOT 1327 (SEE PAR 3G). THE SITE IDENTIFIED BY THE NEW WITNESS WAS EXCAVATED BUT NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE FOUND.

- D. CASE 1843 - ISOLATED BURIAL SITE, VAN TRACH VILLAGE, BO TRACH DISTRICT. THIS SITE WAS INVESTIGATED BY THE JOINT US/SRV INVESTIGATIVE TEAM ON 26 APRIL 1990. AS A RESULT OF THE INVESTIGATION THIS SITE APPEARED TO BE CONSISTANT WITH THE FACTS KNOWN ON CASE 1843. THE WITNESS WAS ABLE TO POINT OUT THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE BURIAL SITE. THE SITE WAS EXCAVATED AND NO REMAINS WERE FOUND, HOWEVER, A PORTION OF ZIPPER WITH SOME MATERIAL AROUND IT WAS FOUND AND WILL BE ANALYZED TO DETERMINE TYPE AND ORIGIN.

3. JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAM ONE, CONSISTING OF JAMES M. COYLE (TEAM LEADER), MSGT RICHARD L. JOHN (ANALYST), SFC RANDALL J. NASH (SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST), NGO HOANG, AND NGO HUN CHOUNG, INVESTIGATED FIVE CASES IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE:

0826, 0859, 1843, AND TWO SUPPLEMENTARY CASES IN VAN TRACH VILLAGE. RESULTS OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS ARE

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AS FOLLOWS:

- A- CASE 0826 - THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES TO THE CRASH OF AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT ON 3 SEPTEMBER 1967 IN THANH HOA VILLAGE, TUYEN HOA DISTRICT. ONE OF THE WITNESSES CLAIMS TO HAVE BURIED THE BODY OF THE PILOT OF THIS AIRCRAFT ON THE MORNING OF 5 SEPTEMBER 1967. ACCORDING TO THIS WITNESS, THE BODY OF THE PILOT WAS LYING NEAR THE BASE OF THE TREE IN WHICH HIS PARACHUTE HAD BECOME ENTANGLED. THE TEAM WAS UNABLE TO VISIT THE REPORTED BURIAL LOCATION.

- B. CASE 0859 - THE TEAM INVESTIGATED THIS CASE FOR SIX DAYS, INTERVIEWING NUMEROUS WITNESSES AND VISITING SEVERAL CRASH SITES IN HOA THUY, VAN NINH, AND TAN THUY VILLAGES, LE NINH DISTRICT. NONE OF THE INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE COURSE OF THESE INTERVIEWS AND CRASH SITE VISITS CAN BE RELIABLY CORRELATED TO CASE 0859.

- C. CASE 1843 - THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES TO THE CRASH OF AN A-7E AIRCRAFT IN 1972 IN VAN TRACH VILLAGE, BO TRACH DISTRICT, AND ONE WITNESS TO THE BURIAL OF THE PILOT. THE WITNESSES STATED THAT THE PILOT EJECTED SAFELY, BUT WAS SHOT BY THE MILITIA AS HE WAS DESCENDING IN HIS PARACHUTE. THE RECOVERY TEAM CONDUCTED AN EXCAVATION OF THE REPORTED BURIAL SITE, FINDING A ZIPPER PULL FROM A FLIGHT SUIT, BUT NO REMAINS.

- D. THE TEAM VISITED THE REPORTED CRASH SITE OF AN F-4 AIRCRAFT NEAR XOM RAY, VAN TRACH VILLAGE. A WITNESS TO THE INCIDENT SAID THAT IT OCCURRED AT NIGHT, IN EITHER OCTOBER, 1967 OR JUNE, 1968, AND THAT THERE WERE FRAGMENTED HUMAN REMAINS SCATTERED ABOUT THE CRASH SITE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INCIDENT. A LEGAL METAL SALVAGER INTERVIEWED BY THE TEAM CLAIMS TO HAVE FOUND SEVERAL BONES AND BONE FRAGMENTS AT THE SITE IN 1987, AND TO HAVE REPORTED THIS DISCOVERY TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, WHO ORDERED ANOTHER LOCAL RESIDENT (ALSO INTERVIEWED BY THE TEAM) TO BURY THEM. THE TEAM ALSO EXAMINED WRECKAGE REPORTEDLY RECOVERED FROM THE CRASH SITE. NUMBERS TAKEN FROM THE WRECKAGE INDICATE THAT IT CAME FROM AN F-4 AIRCRAFT.

- E. IN THE COURSE OF INVESTIGATING CASE 1843 THE TEAM ALSO EXAMINED THE WRECKAGE OF AN AIRCRAFT

ENGINE OUTSIDE THE VAN TRACH VILLAGE OFFICE. A WITNESS TO THE CRASH OF THE AIRCRAFT FROM WHICH THIS ENGINE REPORTEDLY CAME STATED THAT THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ON 27 OCTOBER 1966, WHEN A SWEEP-WING JET AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN BY THE LOCAL MILITIA AND CRASHED NEAR THE VILLAGE OFFICE. THE AIRCRAFT BROKE APART BEFORE CRASHING, DISGORING THE PILOT, WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND AND BURIED NEARBY. THE TEAM ALSO VISITED THE REPORTED CRASH AND BURIAL SITES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT. THE DATE, LOCATION, TYPE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS SUGGEST A PROBABLE CORRELATION OF THIS INFORMATION TO REFNO 0507.

- F. THE TEAM WAS UNABLE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0641 DUE TO WEATHER AND MECHANICAL PROBLEMS. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE TEAM FROM TUYEN HOA DISTRICT OFFICIALS INDICATES THAT THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN DAN HOA VILLAGE, TUYEN HOA DISTRICT. THE AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN BY AN UNKNOWN MILITARY UNIT. THE PILOT EJECTED, AND WAS SURROUNDED BY THE MILITIA. HE RESISTED CAPTURE, AND WAS WOUNDED BY THE MILITIA IN THE PROCESS OF CAPTURE. HE SUBSEQUENTLY DIED OF HIS WOUNDS. HIS BODY AND PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE TURNED OVER BY THE MILITIA TO THE MILITARY UNIT WHICH SHOT DOWN HIS AIRCRAFT. THE DISTRICT OFFICIALS SAID THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT BECAME OF HIS REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS

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THEREAFTER.

- G. IN THE PROCESS OF ASSISTING THE RECOVERY TEAM TO EVALUATE THE REPORTED BURIAL SITE ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 1327, INVESTIGATION TEAM MEMBERS OBTAINED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM A WITNESS THAT SUGGESTS A PROBABLE CORRELATION OF THE SITE TO REFNO 1295, NOT REFNO 1327. THIS WITNESS INDICATED THAT THE SWEEP-WING AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT WAS SHOT DOWN BY A SAM IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF 20 SEPTEMBER 1968. BOTH PILOTS EJECTED, BUT THE PARACHUTE OF ONE DID NOT OPEN FULLY. THE WITNESS, WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE MILITIA, WENT TO BOTH LOCATIONS WHERE THE PILOTS LANDED. THE FIRST PILOT APPEARED TO HAVE DIED UPON IMPACT. THE WITNESS DOES NOT KNOW WHAT BECAME OF HIS REMAINS. WHEN THE WITNESS ARRIVED AT THE PLACE WHERE THE SECOND PILOT LANDED, SHE SAW THAT HE WAS STILL ALIVE. SHE, HER MILITIA PLATOON LEADER, AND TWO PAVN SOLDIERS CARRIED THE PILOT TO A MEDICAL STATION, WHERE HE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD 1-1/2 HOURS LATER. THE FOUR PERSONS WHO CARRIED HIM TO THE AID STATION BURIED HIS BODY NEARBY. THE RECOVERY TEAM CONDUCTED AN EXCAVATION

OF THE SITE INDICATED BY THE WITNESS, BUT FOUND NO REMAINS. THE WITNESS WHO POINTED OUT THE SITE ASSOCIATED BY THE TEAM WITH REFNO 1327 IN AUGUST, 1989, ADMITTED THAT HE HAD BEEN MISTAKEN ABOUT THE LOCATION OF THE BURIAL.

4. JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAM TWO WAS COMPRISED OF MR. G.E. BELL (TEAM CHIEF), SFC JAMES B. WILLIAMS (SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST), AND SFC STEPHEN E. THOMPSON (TEAM ANALYST). VNOSMP TEAM MEMBERS WERE MRS HO XUAN DICH, MR. NGUYEN HUNG MANH, AND MR. LUU VAN THO. TEAM TWO CONDUCTED OPERATIONS IN QUANG BINH, QUANG TRI, AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

- A. CASE 0453 - THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO VINH TRUONG VILLAGE, GIO LINH DISTRICT OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE, WHERE A MEMBER OF THE VAN KIEU ETHNIC MINORITY GUIDED THE TEAM TO AN OBVIOUS CRASH SITE IN THE GENERAL AREA OF THE LOSS LOCATION FOR CASE 0453. THE TEAM FOUND ORDNANCE AND WEAPONS CONSISTENT WITH THE AIRCRAFT TYPE FOR 0453 AND SEVERAL PIECES OF WRECKAGE WITH SERIAL NUMBERS. NO REMAINS WERE FOUND IN THE AREA OF THE SITE. BOTH VNOSMP AND LOCAL OFFICIALS SAID THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THE FATE OF THE PILOTS. THE REMOTE LOCATION OF THE SITE AND DENSE VEGETATION PRECLUDED A FULL FIELD SEARCH. NUMEROUS FIGHTING POSITIONS IN THE AREA OF THE CRASH SITE INDICATED A HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF PAVN FORCES DURING THE WARTIME YEARS.

- B. CASE 1572 - THE TEAM INTERVIEWED A WITNESS WHO OBSERVED WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE VIETNAMESE REMAINS ON THE GROUND DURING 1973. ANOTHER WITNESS SAID HE FOUND A BURNED RADIO AND PARTIAL SKELETAL REMAINS WHICH HE REBURIED NEXT TO A COLLAPSED COMMAND BUNKER DURING 1988. THE TEAM EXCAVATED THE REPORTED BURIAL SITE AND RECOVERED A SMALL AMOUNT OF HUMAN REMAINS. A SIZE 10W JUNGLE BOOT SOLE WAS ALSO FOUND NEXT TO THE BUNKER. BOTH THE VNOSMP MEMBERS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS FAILED TO RESPOND TO US REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OF SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE REPORTED SIGHTING OF AN AMERICAN WEST OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION SUBSEQUENT TO THE INCIDENT.

- C. CASE 1748 - THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO HUONG HOA DISTRICT OF QUANG TRI WHERE LOCAL OFFICIALS INDICATED THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT. VNOSMP AS WELL AS LOCAL OFFICIALS FAILED TO RESPOND TO US REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OF SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION CONSISTING OF BOTH FIRSTHAND AND HEARSAY INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY CORRELATED TO CASE 1748.

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TA POW CAMP OF MRTH LOCATED ACROSS THE BORDER IN 1975 BUT SAID THEY HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE REFNO 1748 WAS EVER HELD THERE (YC2092). BOTH VNOSMP AND LOCAL OFFICIALS DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE MY CHANH POW CAMP (YD2329). THE TEAM WAS NOT ABLE TO INVESTIGATE THE LOSS AREA OR FORMER POW CAMP SITES BECAUSE PRIORITY FOR THE ONLY HELICOPTER AVAILABLE FOR THE MISSION WAS GIVEN TO THE RECOVERY TEAM FOR CASE 1234.

- D. CASE 1820 - THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO GIO MAR VILLAGE IN GIO LINH DISTRICT OF QUANG TRI WHERE WITNESSES DESCRIBED AN INCIDENT WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS CASE. THE TEAM WAS ABLE TO LOCATE THE REPORTED BURIAL SITE OF REFNO 1820-1-02, BUT AN EXCAVATION OF THE SITE DID NOT RESULT IN THE RECOVERY OF ANY REMAINS. STATEMENTS MADE BY LOCAL RESIDENTS INDICATED THE REMAINS WERE RECOVERED BY UNKNOWN PERSONS A FEW YEARS AFTER THE INCIDENT. THE TEAM CONTINUED THE INVESTIGATION INTO QUANG BINH WHERE BOTH VNOSMP AND LOCAL OFFICIALS DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF A CAMP K-4 WHERE SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY CORRELATED TO REFNO 1820-0-01 INDICATED HE WAS HELD. AT THE US SIDE'S INSISTENCE, THE VNOSMP ALLOWED THE TEAM TO STOP IN QUANG TRACH DISTRICT DURING THE RETURN TRIP TO HANOI. PEOPLE ALONG THE ROAD IN QUANG TRACH SAID K-4 MAY HAVE BEEN A CONVALESCENT STATION FOR PAVN SOLDIERS WHICH WAS SUBORDINATE TO BINH DOAN 559 AND LOCATED NEAR THE SONG GIANH FERRY. OTHER VILLAGERS SAID THE DESIGNATION K-4 MOST LIKELY PERTAINED TO A SECRET POW CAMP FOR US PRISONERS WHICH WAS LOCATED IN QUANG HOP VILLAGE, QUANG TRACH DISTRICT DURING THE WAR. DUE TO THE LACK OF HELICOPTER SUPPORT AND TIME CONSTRAINTS, THE TEAM WAS NOT ABLE TO TRAVEL TO THIS SITE WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE GENERAL AREA OF THE CASE 1234 EXCAVATION. VNOSMP MEMBERS INDICATED THEY WOULD CONTACT THE LOCAL OFFICIALS IN QUANG TRACH TO DO ADDITIONAL RESEARCH ON THIS CASE.

- E. CASE 1981 - THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO TRIEU PHUOC VILLAGE (YD3263), TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, WHERE WITNESSES DESCRIBED THE CRASH OF AN OV-10 AIRCRAFT ON 24 OR 25 JANUARY 1973 IN AN LOI HAMLET (YD3364). ONE BLACK AND ONE WHITE CREWMEMBER WERE KILLED WHILE RESISTING CAPTURE. IN THE ADJACENT VILLAGE OF TRIEU VAN A WITNESS SAID AN OV-10 WAS SHOT DOWN WHILE TRYING TO RESCUE A DOWNED F-4 IN LUONG KIM HAMLET (YD3265). LOCAL VILLAGERS SAID THEY SAW THE BODIES OF THE TWO PILOTS ON THE

GROUND ABOUT 500 METERS APART IN AN LOI HAMLET AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. IN 1975 LOCAL VILLAGERS RETURNED TO THE AREA AND SAW SOME REMAINS ON THE GROUND WHICH WERE LATER BURIED BUT NO ONE COULD REMEMBER A SPECIFIC LOCATION.

- F. INCIDENT IN TRIEU VAN VILLAGE, TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE: MR. DICH INTERVIEWED A WITNESS WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE DISCOVERED THE BODY OF A BLACK AMERICAN ON THE BEACH IN VINH HOA PHUONG II HAMLET (YD3865) "MANY YEARS AGO" THE VILLAGER ALLEGEDLY TOLD MR. DICH MOST OF THE REMAINS HAD SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN LOST DUE TO STORMS. THE VNOSMP UNILATERALLY CORRELATED THIS CASE TO REFNO 1076, AND, ACTING ON HIS OWN, MR. DICH PURCHASED A BONE WHICH THE CILHI ANTHROPOLOGIST LATER DETERMINED TO BE NONHUMAN.

- G. REPORTED CRASH INCIDENT IN LOI AN HAMLET (YD2472), GIO MY VILLAGE, GIO LINH DISTRICT. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED A WITNESS WHO SAID A US F-105 AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN LOI AN HAMLET DURING MARCH OR APRIL 1968. THE BURNED POST CRANIAL REMAINS OF A PILOT WERE BURIED BY ANOTHER VILLAGER WHO REPORTEDLY RECOVERED THEM FROM THE GRAVE SEVERAL YEARS AFTER THE INCIDENT. THE VILLAGER WHO WAS LAST BELIEVED TO BE IN POSSESSION OF THE REMAINS WAS NOT AVAILABLE

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FOR INTERVIEW BY THE JOINT TEAM. FIELD ANALYSIS INDICATES THIS INFORMATION MOST LIKELY CORRELATES TO REFNO 1158:

- H. REPORTED CRASH INCIDENT IN QUANG CHAU VILLAGE, QUANG TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. WHILE ENROUTE FROM QUANG TRI BACK TO HANOI, THE TEAM TALKED WITH VENDORS AT A ROADSIDE STAND IN THE RON AREA WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED SHOOT DOWN OF ONE US F-4 AIRCRAFT. ACCORDING TO THE WITNESS, THE F-4 WAS DROPPING FLARES SOMETIME AROUND 2400 WHEN IT WAS HIT BY 12.7MM FIRE AND CRASHED IN KHE CUT RAVINE, TUNG LY HAMLET, QUANG CHAU VILLAGE (XE5077). REGARDING THE TIME FRAME, WITNESS ACCOUNTS VARIED FROM 1965 TO 1969 BUT ALL AGREED THE INCIDENT OCCURRED DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. ONE WITNESS SAID SHE WENT TO THE CRASH SITE THE FOLLOWING DAY AND OBSERVED THE REMAINS OF ONE PILOT WHICH WERE MISSING THE UPPER PART OF THE BODY. ONE WITNESS SAID HE SAW A BLACK LEATHER BOOT WITH THE NUMBERS "12-65" PRINTED ON THE BOTTOM OF THE SOLE. NONE OF THE WITNESSES KNEW ABOUT THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OR WRECKAGE.

- I. ALSO IN RON, LOCAL VILLAGERS SAID ONE



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F-105 AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN TUNG LY HAMLET (XE4876) SOMETIME DURING THE LATE SUMMER OF 1966 TO 1969. THE TIME OF THE CRASH WAS REPORTED BY ONE WITNESS AS AROUND 1400. NO ONE KNEW ABOUT ANY REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ALLEGED F-105. ONE MAN SAID HE SAW A BOOT WITH THE NUMBER "37" PRINTED ON IT, BUT IT HAD LONG SINCE BEEN LOST.

- J. A VILLAGER IN RON SAID SOMETIME DURING THE LATE 1960'S, AN ATTACK (CUONG KICH) AIRCRAFT FLEW FROM THE NORTH AT A VERY LOW ALTITUDE AND CRASHED IN KHE SAU RAVINE (XE5579). SHE SAID THE CRASH OCCURRED JUST BEFORE DAWN AND ONE PILOT BAILED OUT UNDER A RED PARACHUTE, BUT WAS KILLED WHEN HE STRUCK HIS HEAD ON SOME ROCKS. SHE SAID THE AREA OF THE CRASH SITE WAS CALLED DONG DIEN AND VILLAGERS FROM THERE SAID ANOTHER PILOT HAD DIED IN THE AIRCRAFT. SHE SAID SHE HEARD TWO BODIES WERE BURIED 100 METERS NORTH OF THE BRIDGE LOCATED AT XE551792.

5. COMMENT: THE TEAMS FOUND BOTH VNOSMP OFFICIALS AS WELL AS LOCAL OFFICIALS TO BE GENERALLY COOPERATIVE. AS IN THE PREVIOUS ITERATION, MR. NGO HOANG DISPATCHED AN ADVANCE PARTY TO THE AREA TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE US CONTINGENT WHILE MR. HO XUAN DICH DID NOT. THE RECOVERY TEAM AS WELL AS TEAM ONE RECEIVED INDICATIONS THAT REMAINS TRADERS FROM HUE HAD BEEN IN THE AREA, BUT TEAM TWO RECEIVED SUBTLE HINTS INDICATING THE REMAINS WERE IN THE POSSESSION OF LOCAL RESIDENTS AND WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AFTER THE US GOVERNMENT MAKES A GESTURE OF GOODWILL TOWARD THE LOCAL POPULACE IN WAR TORN AREAS. MRS DICH SAID THAT EXCAVATIONS OF REPORTED GRAVESITES WOULD DEMONSTRATE THAT THE INVESTIGATIONS ARE SERIOUS AND THE RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT OF FUNDS EXPENDED WILL BE APPRECIATED BY THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATIONS. IN A BREAK FROM THE NORMAL RHETORIC CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE OF GAINING SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE QUANG TRI PROVINCE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE APPROACHED THE TEAM CHIEF OF TEAM TWO INFORMALLY AT THE GUEST HOUSE ON THE DAY AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF THE TEAM AND INFORMED HIM THAT HE WAS ALREADY IN A POSITION TO RESOLVE MANY CASES IN HIS PROVINCE ON CONDITION THAT THE US CONSTRUCT SOME MEDICAL CLINICS AND SCHOOLS AT THE VILLAGE AND DISTRICT LEVEL. THE PROVINCE CHAIRMAN SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE HIS POINT PRIOR TO BEGINNING THE ITERATION AND THE ISSUE WOULD NOT BE RAISED AGAIN.

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2. ( ) SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION: THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO TRIEU PHUOC VILLAGE (YD3263) TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE WHERE WITNESSES REPORTED THE DOWNING BY MISSILE OF AN OV-10 AIRCRAFT ON 24 OR 25 JANUARY 1973. THE CRASH SITE WAS IN AN LOI HAMLET (YD3364). WITNESSES SAID THE OV-10 WAS

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